

# **CHAPTER 40**

## **Cooperation**

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Agreements are not included in their entirety due to document length. The complete documents can be obtained through BLM AFS Manager’s Office or Alaska Division of Forestry Central Office (see Chapter 50 for Directory).

**41 International Agreements****41.1 Canada Support – Policy**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**41.2 Canada Support – Operational Guidelines**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**41.3 Australia Support – Policy**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**41.4 Australia Support – Operational Guidelines**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**41.5 New Zealand Support – Policy**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**41.6 New Zealand Support – Operational Guidelines**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**41.7 Mexico Support – Policy**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**41.8 Mexico Support – Operational Guidelines**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**41.9 Standard Operating Procedures for Activating Agreements between the Alaska Division of Forestry and Yukon Territory, and BLM, Alaska Fire Service ands Canada**

The operating procedures that facilitate and standardize the ordering of resources when activating agreements between Canada’s Yukon Territory, the State of Alaska Division of Forestry, and between Canada and BLM Alaska Fire Service. Each agreement is outlined with specific procedures to be used when initiating that agreement, followed by general information applicable to all agreements.

**41.10 BLM AFS / Yukon 10 Mile Border Corridor Initial Attack Agreement**

This agreement allows either party to commence initial attack activity on any Wildland fire within 10 miles of either side of the border between the Alaska and the Yukon Territory.

**41.11 State of Alaska / Yukon Territory Reimbursable Agreement**

An agreement between the State of Alaska and the Yukon Territory to exchange resources, on a reimbursable basis, at any time when critical fire situation prevent either party from responding with its own resources within critical time frames.

**41.12 Memorandum of Understanding Between The British Columbia Forest Service Prince Rupert Region and The USDA Forest Service Alaska Region**

Establishes an agreement for mutual cooperation between the British Columbia Forest Service (BCFS) and the USDA Forest Service (USFS) in the detection and suppression of forest fires by designating an area along the boundary separating the Province of BC and the Tongass National Forest in the State of Alaska.

**42 Interagency Agreements**

**42.1 Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Defense and the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**42.2 Interagency Agreement for the Provision of Temporary Support During Wildland Firefighting Operations among the United States Department of the Interior, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the United States Department of Defense**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**42.3 Interagency Agreement for Fire Management between the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the United States Department of the Interior and Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**42.4 Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the United States Department of the Interior - Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, Fish & Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Reclamation (Law Enforcement)**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**42.5 International Emergency Assistance Response Process – Operating Plan for USDA Forest Service**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**42.6 Bureau of Land Management, Assistant Directorate – Resource Use & Protection, Office of Fire and Aviation Management, International Program**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**42.7 Interagency Memorandum of Agreement between U.S. Department of Agriculture – Forest Service, United States Department of the Interior - Bureau of Land Management, and the United States Army – Special Operations Command.**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**42.8 Alaska Interagency Wildland Fire Management Plan (AIWFMP)**

The Alaska Interagency Wildland Fire Management Plan (AIWFMP) combines the common elements in the existing 13 area Interagency Fire Management Plans into one operational document. The intent of this effort is to clarify and streamline the existing fire management planning documents and incorporate operational changes that have occurred during and since the inception of the statewide fire management planning effort. This consolidation does not alter the intent of the common elements, any fire management option selections or fire management option boundaries delineated in the area-specific plans and map atlases.

**42.9 Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group Memorandum of Understanding (2009-2014)**

The Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (AWFCG) was formed through consolidation of the Alaska multi-Agency Coordinating group (AK MAC) and the Alaska Interagency Fire Management Council. This Memorandum of Understanding between the member organizations and a companion annual Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) document provide a method for identifying and seeking solutions to specific common fire management and related programs.

**42.10 Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group 2006-2010 Standard Operating Plan**

Identifies the specific operating procedures of the Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (AWFCG). This SOP supplements the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the signatory parties. The SOP is reviewed annually by the AWFCG.

**42.11 BLM-AFS / Aviation Management Directorate Cooperative Agreement**

Establishes the relationship between the two offices. Agreement #1422L953LA199-0010.

**42.12 BLM-AFS / Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Letter of Agreement for Temporary Control Towers**

This Letter of Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Federal Aviation Administration of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter called the "FAA") will provide temporary airport traffic control tower services in support of Alaska Fire Service (hereinafter called "AFS") activities and outlines the basis for reimbursing the FAA for such services.

**42.13 BLM-AFS / State of Alaska State of Alaska DNR Division of Forestry Division of Forestry Reciprocal Fire Protection Agreement LAA-04-0005 (2004-2009)**

The BLM-AFS and the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources Reciprocal Fire Protection Agreement, LAA-04-0005 and its Annual Operating Agreement identify lands each will protect for the other.

In summary, the State will protect its own lands and federal responsibility lands that fall within the boundaries of its Regions and Areas. The AFS will protect all lands within the boundaries of the Galena, Tanana, and Upper Yukon zones.

**42.14 BLM-AFS / State of Alaska State of Alaska DNR Division of Forestry Division of Forestry Annual Operating Agreement for Reciprocal Fire Protection Agreement**

Establishes standard operating procedures and provide specific detailed guidance for implementing the Reciprocal Fire Protection Agreement. This Annual Operating Agreement identifies and defines the operational aspects and field relationships agreed to in the Reciprocal Fire Protection Agreement.

**42.15 BLM Alaska / US Forest Service Interagency Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement**

This Agreement establishes a plan for wildland fire and related management actions and provides for mutual assistance to more effectively execute these responsibilities within the State of Alaska. This agreement is limited to wildland fire suppression and prescribed fire and does not include structural fire protection.

**42.16 Memorandum of Understanding between USDA Forest Service, Chugach National Forest and the Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Alaska Fire Service**

Provides a framework for cooperation to promote efficiencies and effectiveness in fire, aviation, and field dispatch services within each of our agency's organization, by exploring possibilities to share and/or combine resources within agency policies, guidelines and regulations. This cooperation serves the mutual interest of the parties and the public.

**42.17 BLM-AFS / State of Alaska / US Forest Service / National Weather Service Alaska Fire Weather Program Annual Operating Plan**

This agreement between the National Weather Service and the AWFCG describes the roles, responsibilities and operational procedures of NWS, AFS, USFS and DOF personnel in support of the Alaska Fire Weather Program, ensures effective use of NWS fire weather products, and establishes responsibilities of the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Fire Weather Meteorologist position.

**42.18 Intra-agency Agreement for Wildland Fire Suppression Services and Related Activities between The Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (Alaska) and The Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs (Alaska)**

Establishes procedures for wildland fire suppression services for fires that affect Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) managed lands, and for other related activities associated with wildland fire management. This agreement also identifies procedures for mutual assistance on prescribed fires and fuel treatment projects conducted by either the BIA or the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

This agreement delineates the roles and responsibilities for each agency to meet the intent of Department of Interior Manual Part 620 (620DM) and implement national fire plan policies; and serves as the Delegation of Authority (620DM 2.6B) from the BIA to BLM to implement suppression activities in accordance with the Alaska Interagency Wildland Fire Management Plan 1998 (AIWFMP) and any subsequent update to that plan on Native Allotments. It is limited to wildland fire and does not authorize structural fire suppression.

**42.19 Memorandum of Agreement for Wildland Fire Suppression Services and Related Activities between the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management, Alaska and United States Department of Interior U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Region**

Establishes procedures for Wildland fire suppression services for fires that U.S. Fish and Wildlife (FWS) managed lands, and for other related activities associated with Wildland

fire management such as prescribed fires and fuels treatment conducted by either the FWS or the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

**42.20 Intra-agency Agreement for Wildland Fire Suppression Services and Related Activities between The Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (Alaska) and The Department of the Interior National Park Service (Alaska)**

Establishes procedures for wildland fire suppression services for fires that affect National Park Service (NPS) managed lands, and for other related activities associated with wildland fire management. For NPS lands east of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge extending easterly and south, NPS may enter into individual cooperative agreements, as necessary, to suppress wildland fires on lands under their respective jurisdictions. This agreement also identifies procedures for mutual assistance on prescribed fires and fuel treatment projects conducted by either the NPS or the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

This agreement delineates the roles and responsibilities for each agency to meet the intent of Department of Interior Manual Part 620 (620DM) and implement national fire plan policies. This agreement serves as the Delegation of Authority (620DM 2.6B) from the NPS to BLM to implement suppression activities in accordance with the Alaska Interagency Wildland Fire Management Plan 1998 (AIWFMP) and any subsequent update to that plan on NPS lands. It is limited to wildland fire and does not authorize structural fire suppression.

**42.21 Annual Fire Operation Plan between United State Department of Agriculture Forest Service - Region 10 Chugach National Forest And State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry, Coastal Region, Kenai/Kodiak Area, Valdez-Copper River Area and Mat-Su**

Establishes operational procedures and guidelines for coordination of Wildland fire and related management actions within South Central Alaska.

**42.22 Interagency Agreement Between: Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, Alaska National Guard; and Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry**

Establishes the procedures for mobilization of Alaska National Guard resources when Wildland firefighting activities with the State of Alaska exceed the capabilities of requesting agency resources.

**42.23 State of Alaska DNR Division of Forestry / FAA Memorandum of Agreement (2002)**

**42.24 Interagency Cooperative Fire Agreement Between United State Department of Agriculture Forest Service Alaska Region and The State of Alaska Department of Natural Resource Division of Forestry**

Documents agreement and commitment to fire protection assistance and cooperation.

**42.25 Annual Fire Operation Plan between United State Department of Agriculture and the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resource Division of Forestry**

Establishes procedures and guidelines for coordination of Wildland fire and related management actions within the State of Alaska.

**42.26 State of Alaska DNR Division of Forestry / Tongass NF Annual Fire Operation Plan, Coastal Region**

Establishes procedures and guidelines for coordination of Wildland fire and related management actions within the Southeast Alaska.

**42.27 Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement (Northwest Compact) Cooperative Operating Plan**

This cooperative operating plan is to facilitate assistance in preparedness and wildland fire fighting between the member agencies of the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement (known as the NW Compact) . This plan does not override or supersede any existing cooperative wildland fire fighting arrangements such as federal/state agreements, Mutual Aid Resource Sharing (MARS), or the Canada/US Reciprocal Forest Fire Fighting Agreement.

**42.28 Interagency Temporary Flight Restriction Notification Protocol - U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska Fire Service(AFS) / Alaska Department of Natural Resources / Division of Forestry (DOF) / U. S. Air Force / 11<sup>th</sup> Air Force**

**43 Smokejumper Agreement**

**43.1 Interagency Agreement Between DOI BLM and USDA Forest Service and Joint Operation Smokejumper Resources**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**44 Modular Airborne Firefighting System Agreement**

**44.1 Agreement between North Carolina Department of natural Resources and Community Development Division of Forest Resources and Forest Service Department of Agriculture**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**44.2 Agreement between California – Department of Forestry, the National Guard, and USDA – Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**44.3 Collective Agreement between Wyoming State Forestry Division and the Forest Service – United States Department of Agriculture**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.